

REMARKS

Claims 1-85 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 7, 10, 11, 16, 18, 27, 29, 33, 36, 37, 42, 44, 53, 55, 59, 62, 63, 68, 70, 79, 82 and 84 have been amended. Claims 2, 9, 28, 35, 54 and 61 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-85 are currently pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-85 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Broulik et al. (US 6,323,881, hereafter "Broulik").

II. Interview

The applicants would like to thank the Examiner for granting them a telephonic interview on Tuesday, June 16, 2005. In accordance with information provided by the Examiner, the applicant has included the limitations of claims 2 and 9 into claim 1 in combination with an additional limitation regarding the node map corresponding to "personal user preferences." Examiner believed that this combination of requirements as applied to all applicable claims would best render the present invention, as claimed, distinct from the applied references. Additional support for the distinctiveness of the claims follows.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) to Broulik

Applicants maintain that the Broulik system does not anticipate each and every requirement of independent claims 1, 27, 53 79 and 82 as amended.

Broulik is a system for providing a “craft user interface” for the management of a telecommunications system. A web based GUI architecture is provided that allows a common GUI to be implemented on all nodes of a network via common standard protocols.

The independent claims 1, 27, 53 79 and 82 have been amended to more clearly define the present invention. More specifically, the present invention includes interfaces represented in the contextualized interaction environment by a node map corresponding to personal user preferences. There is no recitation nor implication in the Broulik system that user preferences are in any way related to nodes or any maps referenced therein. The nodes recited in Broulik are devices (e.g., telecommunications nodes) that are being controlled in relation to a telecommunications system, and therefore, have no relationship to personal user preferences.

For at least the reasons indicated above, independent claims 1, 27, 53 79 and 82 are distinguishable from the applied references. Claim 2-26, 28-52, 54-78, 80, 81, and 83-85 are also distinguishable based on their dependence from the aforementioned independent claims.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application. In addition, The applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application at a later time before the issuance of the pending application.

AUTHORIZATION

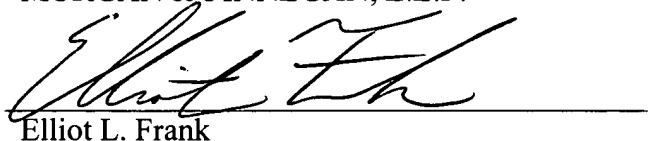
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